



## **The Rio Grande Water Security Act (H.R. 7793)**

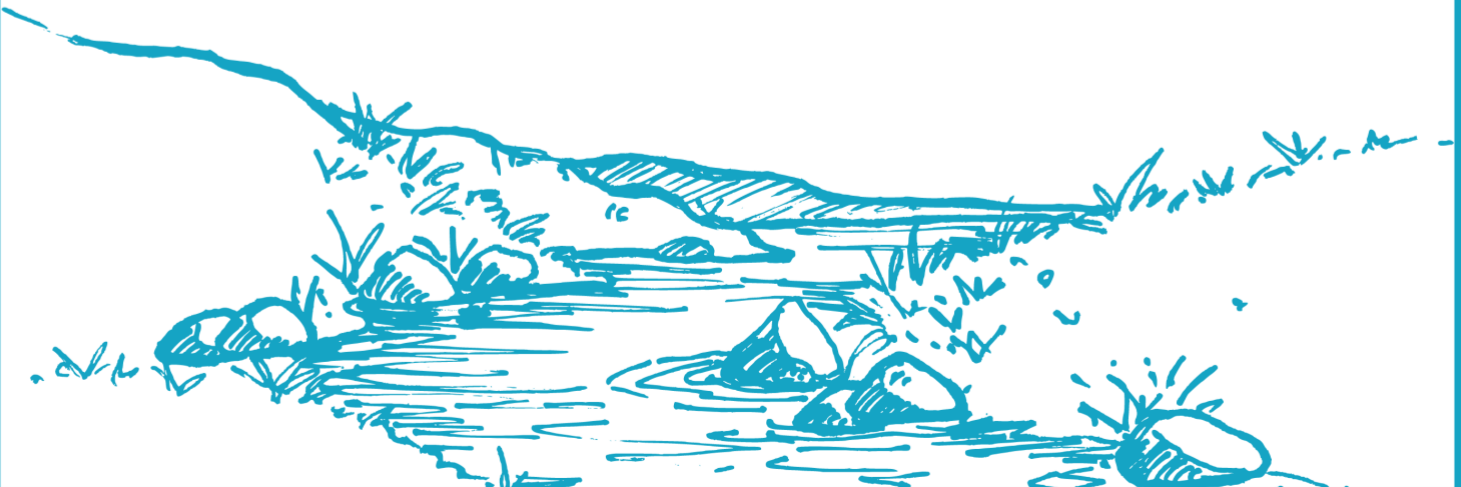
One of the West's most iconic rivers, the Rio Grande stretches over 1900 miles from its headwaters in the Rocky Mountains to the Gulf of Mexico. Along the way, it crosses three states, defines our international border with Mexico, encompasses watersheds in much of the intermountain west, and provides water to millions of people, hundreds of thousands of acres of irrigated land, dozens of Tribal nations, and countless ecosystems. As the West is facing a historic 1200-year drought and the Rio Grande is projected to dry across significant reaches this summer, it is more urgent than ever to act to address water security across the Rio Grande.

### **Why the Rio Grande Water Security Act is needed**

Addressing the immediate and long-term water security needs of the Rio Grande is vital to addressing drought and climate impacts across the West, national and regional economic security, and the well-being of millions of people and communities across the Basin. We must address these water security needs with a long-term, comprehensive plan. The Rio Grande Water Security Act, for the first time ever will provide support for stakeholder-driven solutions across the entire Basin to ensure the Rio Grande can flow for generations to come.

### **The Rio Grande Water Security Act will:**

- Bring vital coordination and resources to address water security needs across the Rio Grande
- Develop an integrated water resources management plan for the Rio Grande Basin using the best available science, data, and local knowledge to improve water conservation, address community water needs, and restore this iconic river and its tributaries
- Convene a Rio Grande Basin Working Group to provide recommendations to improve infrastructure, data, and monitoring, increase water conservation, and improve collaboration across the Basin for the next three decades
- Reauthorize a critical program to invest in Pueblo irrigation infrastructure





## Supporters

The Rio Grande Security Act, which is a bipartisan and bicameral piece of legislation, is supported by Members of Congress and organizations across the Rio Grande Basin and the country including:

- Amigos Bravos
- Audobon
- Friends of Bosque del Apache
- Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District
- New Mexico Acequia Association
- New Mexico Farm & Livestock Bureau
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Water Foundation
- Western States Water Council

